



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)

- a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting April 6, 2021
- b. Consider Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021

3. Public Comment Period: *Each speaker is asked to limit comments to three (3) minutes. Direct comments to the full board, not to an individual board member or staff member. Although the Board is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect Board action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.*

4. Placement of Street End Signage (Tab 2): *Following discussion on April 6, 14, 2021, draft signs were designed that are to be placed so that residents and visitors are aware that those are public benches at the street ends at Neuse St, King St., and Wall St. Following additional conversations during the budget retreat, questions arose about use, future, access. Attorney confirms that the streets were neither closed nor abandoned, and thus are streets- which cannot hold additional structures. Benches, like benches in ROW on any street, can be placed so as not to interfere with access to the street. Placement of signs must adhere to this as well. Streets are not parks. Board will discuss placement of signage. FEMA inspection of same occurred last week.*

5. ARP Guidance: (Tab 3) Released April 16, and April 19, 2021: *States will distribute ARP funds to non-metropolitan municipalities. Directions released for metropolitan cities and counties. Awaiting additional guidance.*

6. Set Public Hearings: *The Manager requests that the Board set the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7PM or as soon thereafter as can be reached. Also, the Planning Board requests that the Town set a Public Hearing for potential changes to the GMO, addressing issues such as (1) zoning for animal services changes, (2) max driveway widths, (3) inconsistencies with mfd home restrictions, (4) adding ADA compliance allowances without SUP [as changes to Building Code and hurricane damage rebuilds are already excepted]. These changes have been discussed at the last two Planning Board meetings. A Draft of the exact changes will be formalized at the Planning Board's May 19 meeting. Proposed changes will be advertised properly prior to the Public Hearing, with drafts available immediately following the Planning Board May meeting. All Planning Meetings are open to the Public. **See submitted Planning Board draft Minutes from 4-21-21.***

7. National Public Works Week Resolution: (Tab 4): *May 16-23 is National Public Works Week, and we'd like to recognize our Public Works Department as they carry out the duties of not only Public Works, but also Water Treatment and Parks and Recreation Maintenance. Our small department maintains and beautifies all Town of Oriental facilities that many much larger departments could not and should be recognized for their extraordinary effort.*

8. LATE ENTRY: Street Lights: *Again, inquiries about removing street lights- cost to remove based on remainder of contract (most due up at 2025)-40% (most running about \$200). There is currently no policy in place for requesting removal. Now that this is an affordable option, we might need to have a policy to determine which and how many can be removed. Manager requests direction on moving forward.*

9. Police Report (Tab 5) *Attached*

10. Manager's Report (Tab 6) *Attached*

11. Committee Reports(Tab 7) *Attached*

HWAC March DRAFT Minutes

HWAC April DRAFT Minutes

Planning Board April DRAFT Minutes

Parks and Recreation April DRAFT Minutes

12. Closed Session: Pursuant to N.C.G.S.§143-318.11 (a)(5)(i) to discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease;

13. Commissioners Comments

14. Adjourn. *Board will meet May 5, 2021 in Budget Session, 8AM. All budget sessions are open to the Public. Next Regular Board meeting June 1, 2021, 7PM.*